

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 15 - 20, without prejudice, due to election by telephone on June 20, 2002.

Please amend the claims as noted herein, no new matter is added.

2.(Amended) The improved packaging material according to claim 1, wherein said polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester, nylon, polystyrene, styrene butadiene, cellophane, and polyvinyl chloride, in monolayers, coextrusions, or laminates.

10.(Amended) The improved packaging material according to claim 7, wherein said bag has an upper portion and a bottom portion, and wherein said registered target area is a small identifiable area in an upper one-quarter of said upper portion of said bag.

11.(Amended) The improved packaging material according to claim 7, wherein said bag has an upper portion and a bottom portion, and wherein said registered target area is a small identifiable area in an upper one-third of said upper portion of said bag.

13.(Amended) The improved packaging material according to claim 1, wherein each of said microperforations has an average diameter between 110 and 400 microns.

14. (Amended) The improved packaging material according to claim 1, wherein said polymeric material has a CO<sub>2</sub> transmission rate that is 2.5 to 5.0 times greater than the O<sub>2</sub> transmission rate.

15. (New) The improved packaging material according to claim 1, wherein each of said microperforations has an average diameter in the range between 120-160 microns.